

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please add the new paragraph on page 1, line 2, after the title, "GELATINE-BASED MATERIALS AS SWABS".*

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This patent application is a U.S. national stage application of International Application No. PCT/DK2003/000855, filed 11 December 2003, which claims priority of Denmark Patent Application No. PA 2002 01896, filed December 11, 2002. The International Application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/432,232, filed December 11, 2002. All of the above applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.